

SENATE RESOLUTION 154
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Shelia Evans and the Jefferson County High School Patriettes on repeating as the CANAM (Canadien-American) Senior Dance National Competition champions.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of worthwhile groups which bring national recognition to their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, we were very excited to learn that the great Jefferson County High School Patriettes have expertly danced their way to the top, winning the CANAM (Canadien-American) Senior Dance National Competition for the second straight year; and

WHEREAS, of the more than 100,000 cheerleading squads and dance teams in the two countries, Jefferson County won over approximately 300 which were selected to compete in the prestigious championships; and

WHEREAS, despite strong competition, this exemplary group of dancers gave two stunning performances which thrilled the audience and the judges; and

WHEREAS, this talented group had also been runner-up at the 1995-1996 CANAM; and

WHEREAS, these young ladies have generously contributed their time and leadership to charitable endeavors, spending time at the Jefferson County Nursing Home, working for Habitat for Humanity and area Girl Scout troops, while maintaining high marks in academics; and

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WHEREAS, they have been very fortunate to have the highly regarded Shelia Evans as their coach; and

WHEREAS, the Patriettes were assisted with their award-winning geometric color design routine by Kipper Hair of Lee Greenwood Theatres, Martin Johnson of LaVergne and former Patriette Melrose Franklin, who was their excellent choreographer; and

WHEREAS Le Anne Diercksen of Lee Greenwood Theatre designed the two-color professional costumes; and

WHEREAS, the 1997-1998 Jefferson County High School Patriettes were: Stephanie Canastraro, Amanda Williams, Tara Whitson, Sarah Fortney, Alison Lawson, April Biddle, Kim Davidson, Wendi Cook, Candace Johnson, Lakiea Rivers, Della France, Kim Coley, Kari Granade, Mariah Cano, Joni Stansberry, Rachel Cochran, Katy Baker, Kim Marshall, and Ashley Dunn; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly deems it fitting that we pause to honor and commend this fine group; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor and commend Coach Shelia Evans and the 1997-1998 Jefferson County High School Patriettes on their numerous accomplishments and wish them well in their future endeavors,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copies.